

Women's Activities . . .



LAS VECINAS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT—Shown left to right, are Mrs. Richard Blakely, retiring president of Las Vecinas, Mrs. Harry B. Underwood, second vice president of the District Division of Federated Women's Clubs, who presided over the installation ceremony, and the newly elected president, Mrs. Claude Ferrel.

District Officer Seats Las Vecinas Club Board

Las Vecinas' first monthly meeting of the new year Thursday afternoon, was called to order by retiring president, Mrs. Richard Blakely, at the Palos Verdes Country Club. The occasion marked the second annual election and installation of officers.

Following a short business meeting Mrs. Blakely turned the meeting over to Mrs. Alan McLaren, chairman of the nominating committee. The voting revealed the officers for the year 1950 as follows: president, Mrs. Claude Ferrel; first vice president, Mrs. Robert Matson; second vice president, Mrs. Frank Hanover; recording secretary, Mrs. Jack Pomerooy; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Paul Roettger; treasurer, Mrs. Delbert Donk; historian, Mrs. Eugene Byrd; welfare, Mrs. Lyman Keele; ways and means, Mrs. Paul Barth; publicity, Mrs. William Whyte; nursery, Mrs. Hans Helmie; membership, Mrs. John Lein; and depots, Mrs. Frank Bowman, and Mrs. Derry Rosenberger.

Mrs. Harry B. Underwood, second vice president of the district division of the Federated Women's Clubs was present to congratulate Las Vecinas on their recent acceptance into the District Federation of Women's Clubs, and to preside over the installation of officers. Mrs. Underwood reminded the group of the motto of the National Federation, "Strength United is Stronger," and also brought out that "young women are the lifeblood of the Federation," the amusing but factual reason for this being that "they have more mileage left."

The theme for the installation was based on a rose ceremony. The retiring president gave each new officer a rose, and in turn, the officers presented their roses

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Girl Scouts' Cookie Sale Kick-off Set

The newly-organized Girl Scout troop of Harbor City girls in junior high school held their first business meeting directed by Paula Dixon, president; Sheryl Ludwig, vice president; Sylvia Stone, secretary; Shirley Shelton, treasurer; and Donna Beane and Patsy Knecht, patrol leaders.

Among the many activities planned was an organized every-member committee for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale beginning next week. The girls also are working on several badge requirements, particularly for their pottery badge.

A roller skating party for February 11 will be in the nature of a St. Valentine's Day party with a picnic at Avritt Park, San Pedro in the morning and the skating party in the evening.

Members of the troop include Sandra Baratta, Donna Beane, Paula and Durelle Dixon, Alice Head, Patsy Knecht, Audrey Rozendal, Shirley Shelton, Sylvia Stone, Darlene Zion, Carol Spriggs, and Sheryl Ludwig.

WEEK END VISITORS

Miss Nancy Whyte arrived this morning from Mills College to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte.

Accompanying her for the week end are the Misses Shirley Hambrook of San Francisco and Marilyn Mitchell of Wenatchee, Wash. The girls will return to Oakland Tuesday to resume their studies.

Anniversary Date Noted

Marking their 15th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedberg of 1513 Madrid avenue, Friday enjoyed dinner at Fish Shanty.

Mrs. Hedberg is assistant to the executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

SHOWER COMPLIMENTS MRS. B. T. WHITNEY

Honoring Mrs. B. T. Whitney, Mrs. W. I. Laughon opened her Hollywood Riviera home Tuesday afternoon for a beautifully appointed stork shower to which more than 50 Torrance, Hollywood, Riviera, and Palos Verdes friends of the honoree were invited. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Laughon were Mrs. J. E. Stavert and Mrs. S. V. Rauss.

Attractive prizes, for novelty shower games were presented to Mmes. C. T. Rip-py, and H. F. Ulbricht.

Beautiful gifts for the Whitney heir-to-be were con-

tained in a pink and blue decorated bassinet. Highlighting the presentations was a cleverly designed potted bouquet, laden with silver dollars wrapped in pink and blue lace paper, a token of appreciation from the executive board of Torrance Woman's Club.

Dainty refreshments were served buffet style from a table centered with an arrangement of pink camellias, guarded by a stork figurine. Bootie favors and kimono-shaped napkins repeated the color theme.



LEADER OF THE YEAR . . . Mrs. Rose Jones, charming wife of Keith Jones, Torrance business man and civic leader, has been honored for her splendid leadership in Girl Scouting. Her award as "leader of the year" was presented this past week in recognition of her services. She has been a volunteer trainer, a member of the nominating committee of Los Angeles Girl Scout Council; and has served as past president of the Harbor Section Leaders' Association. Members of her very active Girl Scout Troop 610, sponsored by Nativity Catholic Church, have enjoyed many delightful camping experiences through her efforts during her several years as their leader. —Staff photo by Lee Weinstein.

'Sir Knights' Night Marked by Amarantns

Lomita Court, Order of Amaranth, Thursday evening observed "Sir Knights" night in California Hall, with Sally Weber, royal matron, and Eugene Spencer, royal patron, presiding.

Following the meeting members and guests were entertained with a program of popular songs by a quartet composed of Bobby Mack, Kenneth McCann, Donald Bryant, and Eugene Myers Jr. Colored movies of Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and Colorado points of interest, shown by Bill Sykes, past royal patron, concluded the enjoyable program.

At tables covered with comely sheets, and enhanced with favors fashioned of newspapers, Eugene Spencer, chairman of the evening, and his committee, served refreshments.

Next meeting, February 9, will be an anteroom session, followed by a reception to Grand Crown Bearer Marie Austren. Chairman will be Lillian Wesley. All members are urged to attend.

HOME AGAIN

Marian McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald of Beech avenue, has returned from General Hospital, where she was treated for a throat infection.



PRINCIPALS IN CEREMONY . . . Florence Markley, center, was inducted as Oracle of Delnora Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, Thursday evening with Lenora Fletcher of Long Beach, right, as district deputy and Hazel Newey, marshal, exemplifying the ritual. —Staff photo by John Woodman.

Oracle Florence Markley Heads Royal Neighbors

Mrs. Florence Markley received the badge of the highest office of Delnora Camp, Royal Neighbors of Lomita, Thursday evening when she was inducted as oracle succeeding Rowena Alrey.

The impressive ceremonies, held in the social hall of the Lomita Presbyterian Church, were attended by a host of friends of the officers-elect and other lodge members from surrounding communities.

Mrs. Lenora Fletcher, district deputy of Long Beach, was installing officer and Hazel Newey and Margaret Heath of Wilmington were her marshals.

Preceding the installation Geraldine Chuck McDaniel of Long Beach presented a duet appropriate to the occasion.

Seated with Mrs. Markley were May Perry, vice oracle; Rowena Alrey, past oracle; Estelle Cool, chancellor; Betty Wineter, marshal; Carol Erickson, assistant marshal; Josephine Heinby, inner sentinel; Mary Smith, outer sentinel; Cecil Goheen, recorder; Bertha Meyers, receiver; Vera Hampton, Faith; Rachel Kosoff, Courage; Lena Brooks, Modesty; Edith Bench, Unselfishness; Pat McBride, Endurance; Henry Roberts, manager; Ethel Erickson, musician; and Grace Knapp, flag bearer.

Rose Dreyer, Gertrude Schreiber, Irene McPeak and Rhuama Resner were members of an escort team who seated the officers in their respective stations during the ceremonies.

Mrs. Alrey received a past oracle pin, and a bouquet of roses to which was attached a sum of money from the camp in appreciation of her splendid service and success.

The beautiful carnation corsages were fashioned by Grace Morginson and the decorations were in charge of Irene McPeak and her committee.

During the social hour which followed the past oracles served delicious cake and coffee. The attractive candy favors were made by Janese Herron.

Luncheon To Honor Clubwomen

Members of the Torrance Women's Clubs, who have given many hours of volunteer service to the Torrance Child Health Clinic have been invited to a luncheon February 7 after a morning session at the East Los Angeles Health Center.

The program has been designed to honor and enlighten the local volunteer laymen cooperating with the nursing service of the Health Department.

Mrs. Weston Names Red Cross Majors

In announcing names of the women who have graciously agreed to serve as majors for the geographic division of the Red Cross fund campaign, Mrs. Gladys Weston, Torrance chairman, asks for volunteers to assist in all phases of the drive to facilitate complete success and early completion of the local effort.

Mrs. Weston's majors are: Mesdames John Melville, Stanley Larsen, Harry Greenwood, John R. Kettler, and John Harvey.

TORRANCE YW RECRUIT YOUNGEST IN NATION

Heading the list of new YWCA members recruited in pre-February drive efforts, is Elsie Booth who this week holds the distinction of being the youngest YWCA electoral member in the nation, having joined the group on her 17th birthday—the youngest age at which members may become electors.

Elsie joined the association along with her mother, Mrs. Miles Booth, and her sister, Miss Shirley Booth.

Also noteworthy in drive efforts, have been those of Mrs. Edith Ingham, who is the first

association member to respond to a request to bring in at least one new member. Added to the YWCA roster through Mrs. Ingham's efforts this week were Mrs. Amlela Bell and Mrs. Gladys Cady.

Other new members welcomed were Mrs. Walter Levy, Mrs. H. Glen Babcock, Mrs. Carl Steele, Mrs. Melvina Beckwith, and Miss Mildred Snell.

Further plans for the drive were made Tuesday at a waffle supper in the Post avenue home of Mrs. Minnie B. Solomon.

C. E. Guild Meeting 8th

Central Evangelical Guild members will meet for a regular monthly session Wednesday afternoon, February 8, in Guild Hall, Mrs. Alice Spehger, president, will call the meeting to order promptly at 2 o'clock.

Hostesses for the social hour following the business meeting will be Mesdames J. S. Lancaster, and W. H. Haslam.

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